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My precious Lovie:-

Your Sunday's letter, the wonderful big one, was great, and honey, let me tell you again, you certainly are a wonderful little writer and as a matter of fact, you should have been a novelist instead of a pharmacist. Believe me, darling your letters are wholesome and a good tonic for tired brains. Before I go further, I want to tell you again that you fooled me with the letter in which you inclosed the insurance slips.

It certainly is a place the way the hospital authorities are treating you about the Sunday work. Fact, when you come here we will both compose a letter, describing their attitude towards you, and publish it in the World or Journal. Just to teach them a sweet little lesson would do my heart good, honestly, and I am going to do it, too, as soon as you come here. After all darling mine I believe your solution of the problem, relative to your vacation is best, but, dearest, I certainly hate to give my consent, for the sooner you come here, the quicker we will be happy together. But anyway, I must also consider other things, so will give my consent, but, sweetheart, no better than May 1st, for by that time I'm pretty sure with God's help, I can send for you. Then again, you sure do deserve that vacation and as to the money part of it that never worried me, also the fact that you could have your precious teeth attended to, too. Darling I want you to quit looking for new jobs. Let this one suffice. It's the best, after all as you had a nice room with all conveniences, short hours and good meals, and it won't be long, please God, when you won't need that but get a nice little "job" with me. That would be much better than the one you have, eh, sweetheart? Anyway Carrie doesn't want your job but I suppose she knows who she wants. Perhaps Ada would take it. Can't understand why she hasn't written you since her answer. I am sure if she got your job, she would have the best position she ever thought of getting. Anyway, I wouldn't worry about it, if she doesn't want it all well and good.

I am glad, honey, that you got another check from the Government. I can't understand why they continue sending it to you. Of course you go right ahead with it. It sure did come at an opportune moment. I sure wanted you to have a good time with it, but, I suppose if you bought material for dresses you are better pleased so I'm pleased, too.

I was surprised, greatly surprised, when I read that Nellie is going to Atlanta! I simply can't understand that couple. Has he made so good in such a short time that he can afford to call for her? Honey, believe me, I love you, and you know how much I love, too, and how I want you, and still, I could hardly conceive of calling for you when I know I haven't enough to properly support you. Oh, well my best wishes to them.

Honey, I was pleased over your mother's action, in sending mandeau what she did. Please tell her that I thank her and hope some day to be able to reciprocate. I can readily realize how your mother feels about 2 of her daughters going away, but, really, honey, she should have no cause to worry about you, for, as I told you in my previous letters I will have a little home ready for you when you come, and the fact that your mother feels so bad over the thought of your leaving, it would be best to spend the last 2 weeks there just as you suggested.

Dearest wifie, dovie dear I was happy when I started reading that you had gone to the hospital entertainment, but certainly was sorry that you didn't have a good time, as I want you so much to enjoy yourself. Believe me, we will make up for lost time, won't we, dear?

What kind of a memorial plate did you get? Is it to go on the monument? Who got it, or rather who gave it? If Roe, Lolly & you had it made, why didn't you let me know, so that I could chip in too? Anyway precious, I'm glad something like that was gotten for it is very appropriate. I can assume you I am happy that Hipman went with Ford to get Jus, and Footsie. I am sure that when you want him to go with you, he'll do so, for, as you know he sure is a good fellow. As to mandeau, love, dearest

tell you enough how I appreciate how you are acting towards her. I always tell my uncle how well you two ~~getting~~ get along. I can assure you, Lots, that you are more like mother and daughter, instead of "in-laws" and honey, believe me, I'll never forget it.

Lovie, I just kissed your picture to be able to write what follows, for dear, that is nearest my heart and believe me I'm yearning for it to come. Darling mine, if our first born is a boy, you can rest assured that I'll be supremely happy; as a matter of fact if it is of either sex. If it's a boy, I want him to be as good as his darling mother, to be a credit to her, to love her as I love her and always be able to take care of her, if I should leave this world first. I would also want him to be as good and honest as his grandfather was and I am sure precious, if he had all these qualities I would be satisfied. Love, I want him to better than his dad for his dad certainly did treat his mondear (you) shamefully at times, and dearest, I can never forgive myself for acting that way towards you, my dearest love, but, Fan darling, by all that is holy, I swear to take care of you, to never give you cause for suffering through any act of mine, if I can possibly help it. For sweetheart, I love you, I love you! Each day I further realize what you mean to me, how strong a hold you have on me with your love, your sweetness, and your goodness. Love dear, always always will I treat you lovingly, gently, considerately and kindly, and I only keep praying to God to assist me so that I can show you by actions. Love, each day I kiss you, hug you and love you, and what is more, I'm true to you by holding your picture. It does me so much good, precious, even if it is only your ~~picture~~, but when I do it, I feel as if you were here personally and kissing your precious lips, my arms about you. Oh, honey how I yearn and long for it. Tootsie, when I begin talking about you coming here, or when I write about the furniture, I begin to crave for you, crave for you intensely, so much so, honey that I don't know what to do with myself, but ~~thus the fact, Lovie, that you will soon be here, appeases me, and then I'm consolch~~. That's why, at first I couldn't think of waiting till May before you come, but after due consideration I find it to be best.

Precious jewel mine, I am still looking up the ads. about the furniture as I wrote you in my previous letters I think that the ivory set is best and am looking for a set that has a chiffonobe, or whatever you call it. For the 899, I am of the belief that it is a nice set and am sure you will like it. Of course, Love dear, when my practice enlarges, we'll get better furniture, but this set, I am sure, will suffice for the beginning, for all I want, dearest is to have a little home for you. The big bed is best too, darling, for it won't take up so much room and then again, it won't cost so much as the three beds cost. As for the linen etc, you will of course buy it here, and if you have saved up $25 to buy it with, that's good, if not I can buy it, or rather, we will buy it here anyway, for Love dear, I'll try my best that you won't be short of anything. How about dishes honey? They had a sale here of 50 pieces for $7.95, a dinner set they called it. We will have to get 2 sets, so I'll see to it. I'll buy one, anyway, and probably buy the other too, before you come. As yet, I haven't written to mondear about the Ohaly set, but will write about it when I write to her the next time.

In yesterday's letter I wrote you that I will probably have some good news for you, so here it is. Lowell Taylor turned over 4 cases to me and all that I have to do is to see the witnesses and submit a report to his firm, who represents an insurance company, on each case, giving in detail what they said about the case. For each report I get $5.00 so for the 4, I will get $20.00. So you, Dot, investigator I and by to-morrow, hope to have the others through. That isn't all; Taylor told me that the company has made a change & rather intends to make a change in paying for these reports. Instead of $5.00 for a report, they want

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to pay $50 a month for as many during the (3) month as possible. He further said that he has accepted it for the month of March, merely as an experiment, for he has a nice practice, as when everybody else was in the service he was practicing. Well, he said that if during that month he finds he can't attend to it he will turn it over to me, saying that he has spoken to his associate, and is going to take me to him when he is ready to turn it over to me. Of course, I am not sure if I will get it, but if I do, it won't interfere with my practice, for I would do this work whenever my time permits and then I would be getting $50 a month steady. So you see, if I get that and with the $10 a month for teaching that man English, I feel I can easily make $100 a month, if not more when I get to be a Notary Public. Then I will feel pretty certain that I will be able to amply provide for you and take care of you. Believe me, lovie dear, Taylor me did make me happy by doing this, for I can now look forward to something. Then, in the mean time my practice will grow and I won't be empty-handed until the big case comes along. I am only hoping and praying that I get it, don't you? Dr. Lazar was happy when I told him what I landed yesterday, and then gave me another case where I can make $10 more money. Uncle Morris, who by the way, told me he mailed his answer to you, told me that he saw Taylor last week and asked him to throw something my way if he could and that Taylor told him he had something to give me and was going to pretty soon. I presume he meant this, so you can see how my uncle is helping me.

Lootsie when I first came back, my uncle was in court that day I was beat out of a case and he had to turn it over to that big lawyer that I wanted to get in with. Now, he is in some more trouble and I am to co-operate with those lawyers. Solomon wanted to take the case out of their hands and turn it over to me, but I told him not to. Anyway, to show you what those lawyers think of me, they told Solomon that whatever I do, they can vouch for, and what is more, before they tell him anything they asked him what I said; on one occasion, to have verified their own statements they told Solomon to ask me, and what I said they would abide by, for, to use their own words, they said "Ask Joe, he knows law". That's pretty good, isn't it? That is why I believe Solomon has such a great deal of confidence in me, especially my uncle.

Little by little, honey love, my practice is growing. Getting a case here and there, making friends as much as I can, but only something is always tugging at my heart-strings. My longing for you, honeybunch, seems to overpower me at times, and at night, I feel like a ship without a rudder. Don't know what to do or where to go.

Lootsie as to my stationary, though what Dy gave me is undoubtedly a better quality of paper and better workmanship, I prefer this out because I think it makes a much neater appearance and, then again, it is much cheaper. Anyway, if money will come,

it will come regardless of my stationary.

Well Lovie, dear I must make 4 or 5 copies of a big leave for my uncle who needs it to-night, and as it is already 4^10 P.M. and I want this to catch the 5^30 train, I close with all my love to my precious, sweetheart, darling, sweet wife, with kisses & hugs galore,

Ever lovingly and longingly your own

Hubby

P.S. Remember Lovie, no longer than the 1st of May.

Footsie, forgive me for not asking in the letter. How is your darling Footsie getting on? Please be careful & keep it on as much as necessary, though I'm glad for your sake, you were able to put on low shoes already. Believe me, Lovie dear you will be just as welcome if you wear high shoes when you get here, as you will with Afford ties, see if you don't.